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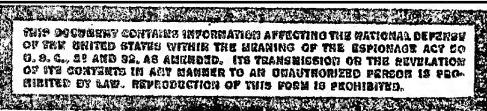
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- On 13 December 1949, engineer Franz Wegerer*, a member of the Central Committee of the KPOe and "internal" top man for political affairs of the factory police, reported to the organizational office of the KPOe that Austrian factory police in the USIA enterprises totaled 17,460.
2. Of this total, 9,480 have been given military training with pistols, rifles and light machine guns by Soviets or instructors of the factories.
 3. A detachment of 3,000 men for special commitments was activated in August 1949. It is distributed through the Zistersdorf (P 49/S 63) oil area. Personnel were trained with heavy machine guns and heavy mortars by Soviet officers in Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) and in Bruck on the Leitha River (P 49/X 77).
 4. The Central Committee of the KPOe listed as arms supplies of the factory police 20,000 rifles, 7,000 submachine guns, 400 light machine guns, 100 heavy machine guns, 15,000 hand grenades, 300 light mortars and 300 heavy mortars. These figures, however, are not exact, as the general managers of the USIA enterprises have so far refused to supply detailed data.
 5. According to information emanating from the factory police section of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria, personnel and equipment of the factory police have not changed since mid-December 1949.
 6. The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria received reports from several employees' councils in USIA enterprises that, partially under supervision of Soviet officers, the factory police was to resume military training in the respective enterprises in March 1950.

Comment: * Engineer Wegerer is known as chief of the factory police in the Soviet Zone of Austria.

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